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**BUCKEYE SECULAR UNION.**

Arrangements are well in progress for the coming annual convention of the Buckeye Secular Union, the only State organization now actively at work in the country, which has been called for September 12, next at Schenck's Assembly rooms, Columbus, Ohio.

President Roberts reports that a splendid program is being prepared, and he asks that the Blade extend for him, a general invitation to all Freethinkers to be present and take part in the wholesome deliberations of that body. If any of our readers, seeing this, are inclined to attend, a great favor will be conferred by you writing either to President George O. Roberts, at Dennison, Ohio, or Secretary Lou Lawrence, Barnesville, Ohio. This will enable them to form some estimate of the probable number of visitors and prepare for accommodations in advance.

According to present plans there will be an informal round table conference on the night of Saturday, September 11. The Sunday morning session will be devoted to the reports of officers and committees, and the election of officers, with the general business affairs of the Union. Sunday afternoon and night will be devoted to addresses by prominent men and women speakers.

President Roberts will bring the matter of Freethought funerals before the convention for some definite action in regard thereto.

Let this convention be turned into a banner meeting of Ohio Freethinkers, and by strength of numbers, as well as intellect, ring a challenge to orthodoxy that will be heard throughout the land.

**THE INDICTMENT OF EDUCATION AGAINST CHRISTIANITY.**

The continued efforts of Harold Bolce, in the Cosmopolitan Magazine, to draw the line of demarcation between the church and progress, between dogma and candid investigation, between theology and education, as these again appear in the August number, now on sale, contain a far more terrible indictment against the reactionary influences of the church and church thought, than aught appearing in the columns of papers and magazines devoted exclusively to the propaganda of anti-Christian effort. It is an indictment to which nothing need be added, to which nothing can be added. It charges the church and its advocates, for without them the church would be a non-entity, with retarding progress, stifling honest thought and practically putting a premium upon hypocrisy through mere egotistical, or personal motives. No criminal arraigned at the bar of justice has so forcefully been charged with crime against the race, against society, against individuals and against the best interests of the human family, than is the church in the words of this indefatigable and painstaking writer. He has brought the professors of colleges and teachers in the great American institutions of learning, in sharper conflict than ever with the church and its now discredited dogmas, pointing to the rapid approach of that day when the church will be relegated to the rear of public thought, influence and estimation, or else, completely annihilated.

Every great or radical change made by the church as a concession to the demands of intellectual thought, or demonstrated scientific fact, is a retreat from which no recovery can be had. Boasting a divine authorship and a divine protection, assuming a loftier and higher origin than it was willing to grant to other religious systems, the Christian religion is now facing the inevitable. Abandoning one position after another, and readily yielding at those points of controversy whence the pressure was too strong, building up a fortress or two where the least resistance could be detected, the church has struggled for a prolongation of its power, and the attempt to control and dictate the channels, methods and modes of education, the enlightened minds of the nation have been led to a revolt and the disaffection has now become well nigh general. To use a selection from Mr. Bolce's language, he argues after giving further quotations from college men on the subject: "And as the opposition to truth, as it is claimed, is still the role of religious bodies, the inescapable duty of unfettered institutions of learning is to give the world a new revelation."

We are a trifle anxious to know what Mr. Bolce means by a "new revelation." Failing to express his personal